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Missions Conference Joins Alumni Fall Homecoming

The sixteenth annual missionary conference, sponsored by the Bryan Foreign Missions Fellowship chapter, has been shifted this year so that it can be combined with the tenth annual fall alumni homecoming. This will enable more of the Bryan missionaries to have fellowship with alumni during their furlough visit to Bryan. The joint session will be held this year October 18-21, beginning with the missionary chapel on Thursday and concluding with the alumni-missionary vesper service on Sunday afternoon. Both home and foreign missions are being included in the missionary emphasis.

The program provides for morning and evening meetings with missionary speakers on Thursday and Friday and alumni speakers to visit classes and give lectures during the regularly scheduled periods on Friday for an exchange between students and alumni.

There will also be special audio-visual periods for showing of missionary slides and films, and displays from the various mission fields and prayer bands will be set up in the lobby and lounge in the main building.

Among the alumni speakers expected for the conference are Kenneth Campbell, '56 and James Reese, '56, (who is also a musician) of the Campbell-Reese evangelistic team who are operating from headquarters in Milton West, Ontario. Missionary representatives from South America will include Mr. '48 and Mrs. '49 Edgar Lieb of Brazil, Mr. '39 and Mrs. '40 Edward deRosset of Peru, and Miss Sandra Cue '55 of British Guiana. Mr. and Mrs. '55 Roger Walkwitz and Miss Margaret McKinnon '43 will represent the Philippines; Mr. David Naff '52 and the Rev. '44 and Mrs. '45 Albert Wyllie are from Africa.

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Pictured above are five freshmen, plus junior Bill Yates, center, from Bartow, Florida, the home of Mr. R. L. Bryan, a senior trustee of Bryan College. The freshmen are (left to right): Jolene Collins, George Liner, Margie Hattaway, Gary Allen, and Julian B. Williams.

Allen Trust Bequest of \$325,000 Sparks New Development Program

The bequest of \$325,000 received from the estate of Mrs. T. S. Allen of Lincoln, Nebraska, a sister of William Jennings Bryan, has sparked a development program which envisions the construction of two dormitories, a gymnasium-auditorium, a central heating plant, a service building, and the renovation of the present administration building. News of the Allen bequest, the largest single gift in the thirty-two year history of Bryan, was received in late May, but the exact amount was not determinable at that time. At first the bequest was estimated at \$250,000. Now it appears that the final settlement will bring the figure of the bequest nearer to \$350,000.

The share of Bryan College was that of a residuary legatee to receive one-half of a trust fund which ran to over a million dollars. After specific bequests were distributed and taxes and cost of administration were paid, the college received as its share in

July, in the first and major distribution, stocks of Beatrice Foods Company and Associated Investments of Indiana, both NYSE listings. These securities will sell at today's market for \$325,000. It is expected that a small additional bequest will be received when the trust is finally closed out.

The other residual beneficiary is the Bryan Memorial Hospital of Lincoln which is located on the grounds of Bryan's home. The residence itself now serves as a home for nurses. The bequest for the hospital came at a time of construction and expansion in that institution.

Mrs. Allen, who was past ninety years of age when she died last April, had been in declining health for the past few years and had been hospitalized in Bryan Memorial for some several months before her death. The trust in which the hospital and the college were named residual co-bene-

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Gift of \$10,000 Establishes Chair of Bible

A gift of \$10,000 by Mr. and Mrs. Gettys W. Guille of Salisbury, North Carolina, has been made toward the



Gettys W. Guille

endowment of a chair of Bible to be named in honor of Dr. George E. Guille, the first president of Bryan College and father of Mr. Guille. Mr. and Mrs. Guille (the former Alice Slater Cannon) are active in the affairs of the College, Mr. Guille having been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1959. Mrs. Henry Henegar, well-known Bible teacher and Christian worker of Knoxville, is a sister of Mr. Guille.

Dr. George Guille served as president of Bryan from the opening of the College in 1930 until his unexpected death in November, 1931.

At the time of his death, he was also serving as pastor of Mars Hill Presbyterian Church at Athens, Tennessee, where he lived. Prior to his coming to Bryan, he had served as pastor of Presbyterian churches and as a teacher in Bible conferences in leading evangelical churches throughout America. His pastorates included a ministry at Greene Street Presbyterian Church of Augusta, Georgia, notable both for its length and for its impact on the spiritual life of that city. After the Augusta ministry, Dr. Guille became a member of the extension staff of Moody Bible Institute, which led him into the field of Bible conference teaching.

Dr. Guille enjoyed a reputation as one of the most greatly loved Christian leaders of his generation and a Bible teacher without peer. A handsome portrait of Dr. Guille, the gift of his family, hangs in the main lobby of the college.

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ficiaries was established by Mrs. Allen in 1948 after her husband's death, the late T. S. Allen, a prominent Lincoln lawyer. The nucleus of the fund was certain shares of stock of Beatrice Foods Company, for which Mr. Allen had written the articles of incorporation in 1898 when the company began as a creamery business in Beatrice, Nebraska. Through additions and appreciation the trust had increased greatly in value in recent years.

The Beatrice Foods Company is the third largest distributor of dairy products in the United States, being exceeded only by National Dairy Products Company (Sealtest) and Borden's. The growth of the company from a small creamery in the wheatlands of Nebraska has been steady. First it expanded into the West, then the Midwest, then it became national and now it is expanding into the international market such as Southeast Asia and Central America. Besides dairy items its products include numerous grocery items. Meadow Gold is perhaps the most familiar tradename among its numerous products.

Dr. Judson Rudd, president emeritus, had called on Mrs. Allen a number of times, the last time in

1958. After that her declining health did not permit visitors. Dr. Rudd was aware of the fact that Mrs. Allen was remembering Bryan College in the distribution of her estate, but the size of the gift came as a pleasant surprise to everyone.

Mr. C. P. Swafford of Dayton, attorney for the College, and Dr. Mercer, the president, made a trip to Lincoln in early June in the interest of settling the trust and later Dr. Mercer visited the Beatrice headquarters in Chicago.

Reactions to Gift

Confirmation of the estimated size of the gift at \$250,000 came on June 4 during the meeting of the board of trustees. A period of rejoicing and thanksgiving ensued, the parallel of which has probably not been seen at Bryan. In July at a called meeting of the trustee executive and building committees with the architects and representatives of the faculty, student body, and alumni association, authorization was given for the architects to proceed with final drawings and working specifications and the letting of bids for construction of two dormitories to begin this fall. At the fall meeting of the board on October 1, the trustees will decide whether to construct two dormitories simultaneously. The firm of Wilson, McCulloch, Yeargin of Charlotte, North Carolina, have been retained as archi-

itects. This firm has had wide experience in school construction. They are the architects of the new Columbia Bible College plant, new buildings at Toccoa Falls Institute in Georgia, and at Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta, and many other churches and schools.

A committee of trustees, administrators, and alumni representatives visited the Columbia campus in late June to spend a night in one of the dormitories and to inspect the buildings there. Following this tour came the meeting of July 3 in which the authorization was made to proceed with plans for construction. The tentative date for ground breaking ceremony has been set for Thanksgiving Day, November 22.

The overall effect of the Allen gift has been felt throughout the college constituency in renewed interest. By special action of the executive committee, August 1 was observed as a day of prayer and praise in the college family. News of participation in this event came from far and near.

Plans for Construction

The dormitories are to be three stories high and will house one hundred students each, two to a room, with appropriate areas for lounges, storage, bath facilities, a student kitchen, supervisor's apartment and utilities. The costs for each dormitory is expected to run in the neighborhood of \$275,000. All furniture in the rooms is to be built in, the only movable objects being the study desk chairs.

Renovation of the present administration building in the uncompleted areas and in adapting these areas to new functions is a major part of the construction program. Tentative plans call for utilization of the entire third floor, now a women's dormitory, for academic purposes, with the conversion of present classroom areas on the first floor to areas suited to student union activities. The present main building offers tremendous possibilities for development, and the proper use of this already existing space is regarded as the key to other construction.

At the trustee meeting of October 1, final plans will be made for the actual launching of the development program, which has been discussed in terms of \$1,000,000-\$1,500,000 for a three- to five-year period. Items which the development program will support are the construction of the

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Two One-Day Workshops Added to Faculty Retreat

The annual two-day faculty workshop, which traditionally opens Bryan's academic year, was supplemented this year with two new workshops, one day for non-academic personnel and a one-day leadership session with faculty, administration, and student leaders participating.

The sessions for the non-academic personnel were coordinated by E. M. Steele, administrative assistant. The discussions centered around administrative methods and procedures and problems relating to the coordination of the various departments of the College. Dr. Karl E. Keefer, dean of the College, served as coordinator of the other workshop sessions.

The two-day faculty workshop was divided into four major sessions. Dean Keefer led the first session on academics, discussing such matters as admission, retention, and attrition of students; grade distribution; and Bryan's general education program and curriculum development. Dr. J. Furman Miller, registrar, led the discussion on registration procedures, counseling, testing, class schedules, and library procedures. The session relating to student personnel was led by Mr. Allen Jewett, dean of students, dealing with matters relating to the *Student Guide*, social standards, discipline, chaperonage, and the athletic program. President Mercer led the final session in a discussion of the *Faculty Guide*, committee and council appointments, the building program, student recruitment, finances, departmental budgets, and public relations.

The final day, which was devoted to the new leadership workshop, brought administration, faculty, and student leaders together for some very stimulating discussions on Bryan's spiritual, disciplinary, social, and academic goals. It was felt that the innovation of this leadership workshop is a major step in the development of a strong united front in Bryan's effort to advance quality education in a distinctively Christian atmosphere.

This issue of NEWSETTE has been set in new ten-point Waverly type to provide sharper and more legible copy.

New 10-Position Language Lab Installed

The installation of a language laboratory was greatly facilitated this summer through the gifts of the members of the class of 1962, who contracted to pay for the finishing of the walls and floors to provide this first completely finished classroom. Plastered walls and asphalt tile flooring now replace the painted block walls and concrete floors.

The laboratory equipment includes ten student positions with tape recording machines and headphones for listening in addition to the instructor's console. The facilities will be used this year by approximately thirty students enrolled in the Spanish classes, and about half that number in the French classes. An additional ten students taking the linguistic course will benefit from this modern installation.

The Spanish classes are being conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Payne, both graduates of Bryan, who spent several years in Peru where Mr. Payne was an engineer working part of the time with Mr. R. G. LeTourneau and also for the Peruvian government. He also had earlier training in Spanish language and customs through his childhood experience in Argentina where his father was a missionary doctor.

Instruction in French is being shared by Mr. Thomas Eckel, who spent four years in France as a missionary, and by Mr. Garner Hoyt, a former teacher who returned to Bryan this year. During his absence from Bryan, Mr. Hoyt served with the American Bible Society in Haiti for several years and also spent one year in France.

FALL ENROLLMENT SHOWS 10% INCREASE

The fall enrollment at the end of registration week showed a total of 234 students or a gain of nearly 10%

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Alumni homecoming activities will be emphasized on Saturday, with the traditional outdoor breakfast on Johnson's Bluff, a morning "caucus" including a report from President Mercer, luncheon with the students, an early afternoon annual business session, and the homecoming banquet with interspersed athletic activities and general social fellowship.

Alumni from the classes of 1937, 1942, 1952, and 1957 will be honored on their respective 25, 20, 10, and 5-year anniversaries at the Saturday evening banquet. Another important feature of the homecoming sessions is the announcement of the latest plans by the Board of Trustees as made at their earlier meeting in October in prospect of the construction of new dormitories.

Heading up the committee for the alumni are Mr. '53 and Mrs. '49 Edward Payne and for the students are Walter Reichner, president of the Foreign Missions Fellowship Chapter, and David Pierceall, president of the Student Council. Arrangements are being made to house alumni visitors in homes of faculty and local friends with meals to be served in the college dining hall at student rates.

over last fall. Leading the 22 states in representation is Tennessee with 59 registrants, and Florida is a strong second with 30 students. Following are Michigan with 21, Ohio 16, Pennsylvania 15, Illinois 13, Indiana 10; and others having less than ten are Colorado, Georgia, Kentucky, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. There are representatives from eight foreign countries as follows: Canada, Bahamas, Brazil, Colombia, Africa, Hongkong, India, and Japan.

There are eight young people this year who are second generation students, having at least one parent who has attended Bryan in the past and among these parents are seven graduates. An additional eighteen students have a brother or sister listed among the alumni of the college. Two other students are children of present or former faculty members. At least eight students are returning this fall after an absence of a year or more from Bryan campus.

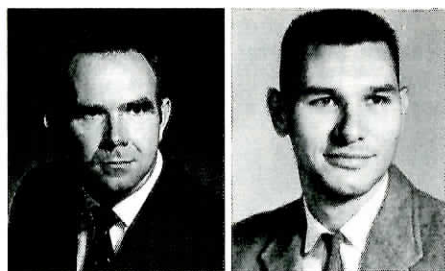
The graduating class of 1963 shows a prospect for 35 to receive degrees in June which will bring the number of graduates to a total of 700 as the College completes its thirty-third year.

Faculty Welcomes Four New Members

Of the four new faculty appointments made for the fall semester, two were announced to **NEWSETTE** readers in the last issue. These are Allen Jewett, dean of students, and Garner Hoyt, teacher of French and linguistics. Mr. Jewett will also serve as athletic director this year.

The two most recent appointments are Ira D. Halvorsen to the music faculty and Marion Whitehead to the business department. Mr. Halvorsen will teach piano and music theory as well as direct the college choir. He holds the M.A. in psychology from Ohio State University and the M.M. in music literature from the Eastman School of Music. In addition he is a graduate of Grace Theological Seminary with a B.D. degree. Mr. Halvorsen and his wife served as missionaries in France for one term. They have two sons.

Mr. Whitehead, whose home is in



Ira D. Halvorsen Marion Whitehead

Maryville, Tenn., is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and expects to receive the M.S. in accounting next year. He has had three years teaching experience in public high schools. His coming to the college to aid Mrs. Emily Owensby, who teaches typing and shorthand in evening sessions, will strengthen the business department with the prospect of developing a major in business administration.

Women's Auxiliary Sponsors File Cabinets

The Bryan Women's Auxiliary has taken for its latest project the purchasing of six steel file cabinets for the Records Office. These files will accommodate the permanent student records and other official college records and correspondence. This summer the Auxiliary has also secured a new piano bench for the chapel grand piano.

With its welcome sign out to new students, the B.W.A. sponsored a "Back to Bryan" sale of room furnishings donated by its members and friends to help students secure at a very modest price the "extras" of lamps, rugs, curtains, pictures, and other room accessories that they might not have brought with them.

An annual project of this ladies' organization is to provide birthday cakes for students at the request of parents who make a donation to the Auxiliary treasury in appreciation for the home-baked cake delivered to the student on his birthday by one of the ladies.

The organization now in its sixth year includes faculty and staff women, wives of the male staff members, trustees' wives, and other ladies from the community who are interested in promoting the college and performing some special services which might otherwise not be included for the students.

Some of the past projects have included redecorating the lounges in both the men's and women's dormi-

tories, adding new living room furniture for the Dean of Women's apartment, drapes for the dining room; and the largest undertaking was the complete equipping of a new ladies' lounge with restroom facilities.

The women have had an important spiritual ministry by their participation in a regular program of prayer support for the College. During the school year a group meets once each week at the noon hour for prayer and in the summer months the meeting is held in the evening.

Officers for the new school year are as follows: president, Miss Zelpha Russell; vice president, Mrs. Louise Bentley; secretary, Mrs. Violet Cather; and treasurer, Mrs. Jean Hill. Past presidents of the organization have been Mrs. Alice Mercer and Mrs. Maude Miller.

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buildings previously mentioned plus funds for the annual operating budget of the college and the enhancement of the endowment fund to support improved faculty salaries.

The building committee membership is Harry C. Johnson, trustee of Athens, chairman; Trustees Dr. F. R. Rogers and Chancellor Glenn W. Woodlee of Dayton; and Dr. Mercer, Dr. Rudd, and Russell V. Stansbury, business manager, as representatives of the administration.

Trustees Make Awards For Three Faculty Papers

In an effort to encourage and stimulate the members of the faculty, the trustees offered an award of \$250 last year for the best paper written by a faculty member in some aspect of his academic specialty in layman's language. These papers were written during the year by the faculty and read at faculty meetings and copies were sent to the trustees. A committee of trustees selected the winning paper, but they were so impressed with the quality of the papers that a second and third prize of \$100 and \$50, respectively, were also awarded at the June commencement exercises.

The winners and the titles of their papers were as follows: first place, Dr. Willard Henning, head of the biology department, "How Valid Is the Theory of Evolution?"; second place, Dr. John Anderson, head of the ancient languages department, "A Critical Examination of the Thesis that the Rabbinical Concept of Repentance Determines the Meaning of the New Testament Concept"; and third place, Fred Donehoo, head of the history department, "Is History a Waste of Time?"

In recognition of trustee service to the College, Dr. J. W. McKinney was given a citation for his leadership among the trustees in aggressive planning, especially in the initiation of the new periodical, *The Bryan Blueprint*.

Moving? Please Notify Us

After every mailing, we receive from the Post Office Department notification of a number of changes of address for our mailing list. Recent postal increases now makes each of these changes cost the College 10 cents. Those who receive Bryan College mailings could help us effect a considerable saving by notifying us of changes of address either on a postal card or on a form supplied by the Post Office. When you notify us of a change of address, please be sure to include your old address also.

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